

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus (4) with a housing (2), which housing (2) is designed to accommodate a supply (40) of a depilating tape (11), which depilating tape (11) can be pulled away from the supply (40) and can then be applied for application to the skin of a person, and which depilating tape (11), after application to the skin of a person, adheres to the skin along an application length (L) so as to retain hair thereof and can then be pulled away from the skin of a person so as to remove retained hair, the apparatus comprising: and with application means (40) for applying the depilating tape (11) to the skin of a person, and with an opening (9) in the housing (2), which opening (9) is provided and designed for passing the depilating tape (11) through to the skin of a person, and with

a wind-up reel (60) accommodated in the housing, which wind-up reel (60) is provided and designed to take up the depilating tape (11) that was previously adhering to the skin of a person; ~~wherein~~

a motor (69) accommodated in the housing; ~~(2) is provided, and wherein~~

a drive connection (74) is provided between the motor (69) and the wind-up reel (60), so that the wind-up reel (60) can be driven in rotation with the aid of the motor (69) to ~~wind~~take up the depilating tape (11) that was previously adhering to the skin of a person; and

blocking means, provided to interact with the supply, such that the supply is secured against rotation as the wind-up reel is driven in rotation with the aid of the motor.

2. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus (4) as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~an~~the drive connection comprises an interruptible drive connection (74) ~~is provided as the drive connection (74) between the motor (69) and the wind-up reel (60),~~ and wherein means for interrupting the drive connection (74) are provided.

3. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus (4) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the means for interrupting the drive connection (74) ~~takes the form of~~comprises a hand-operated control button (46), through actuation of which the interruptible drive connection means (74) can be interrupted.

4. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus (4) as claimed in claim 1, wherein determination means (45) is provided for determining the application length (L) along which depilating tape (11) adheres to the skin of a person, and wherein the determination means (45) is designed to determine different application lengths (L) as desired.

5. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus (4) as claimed in claim 1, further comprising 4, wherein ~~the determination means (45) is equipped with a hand-operated control button (46) and with~~wherein blocking means (47) comprises a blocking lever which interacts with control button (46) ~~on the one hand and with the supply (10) on the other,~~ which control button (46) can be shifted between a first position and a second position, and wherein, with the control button (46) in its first position, the blocking lever (47) assumes a release position enabling a pulling away of depilating tape (11) from the supply (10), and wherein, with the control button (46) in its second position, the blocking lever (47) assumes a blocking position that blocks any pulling away of depilating tape (11) from the supply (10) as the wind-up reel is driven in rotation with the aid of the motor via the drive connection.

6. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 5, wherein the supply (10) of depilating tape (11) is wound so as to form a supply coil (10) wound onto a supply reel (12), and wherein the blocking means (47) interacts with the supply reel (12).

7. (Currently Amended) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in ~~claim 1~~, wherein claim 10, further comprising an opening in the housing, which opening is provided and designed for passing depilating tape through to the skin of a person, and wherein the application means (40) ~~takes the form of~~ comprises an application roller (40) which is arranged in the area of the opening (9) ~~of the housing (2)~~.

8. (New) A depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the drive connection comprises an interruptible drive connection, such that, when depilating tape is be pulled away from the supply for application to the skin of a person, the wind-up reel may rotate free of the motor so as to enable pulling off of the wind-up reel of depilating tape that was previously adhering to the skin of a person.

9. (New) A depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interruptible drive connection comprises a single-direction coupling.

10. (New) A depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising application means for applying depilating tape to the skin of a person.

11. (New) A depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the application means and the wind-up reel are disposed so that a selected acute angle is formed between (a) the depilating

tape from the supply as adhering to the skin of a person and (b) the section of depilating tape pulled off of the wind-up reel and running from the wind-up reel to the skin, whereby enhanced depilation results from pulling the adhering depilating tape away from the skin.

12. (New) A depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a heating device, the heating device providing for heating the depilating tape for application to the skin of a person.

13. (New) A depilating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wind-up reel, motor and drive connection are provided so as to cooperate to pull the depilating tape away from the skin of a person under parameters sufficient to remove retained hair.